

## BFA Online Tuition Overview

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performing Arts at Manhattan School of Music is a fully accredited 120-credit hour degree program. Tuition for the BFA Online is based on how many credits admitted students have left towards degree completion after Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). The BFA Online Admission Process is designed to evaluate your professional experience, and applicable prior education, for academic college credit. Through the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), our Leadership Team will evaluate how many Prior Learning Credits you may receive towards the BFA Online Degree (120 credit-hours). Eligible candidates may enter the program with a maximum assessment of 90 Prior Learning Credits.

*Please note that each candidate admitted into the BFA Online Program may enter with different Prior Learning Credit assessments, ranging from 60-90 Prior Learning Credits.*

For an estimated tuition, please use the formula below to determine how much the program may cost you (excluding educational expenses outside of the program).

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performing Arts, Online Degree Completion Program Estimated Program Cost of Attendance (COA)	
Tuition	120 Credit Hours – PLA Credit Assessment x \$600
<i>Estimated tuition = the remaining credits towards degree completion multiplied by the cost per credit hour. (\$600 per credit hour for Academic Year 2026-2027)</i>	
General Student Fee	\$415/semester
<i>Students who enroll part-time (6 credit hours) and/or enter with less than 90 credit hours can expect to pay for additional credits and/or semesters of enrollment. (\$415 per semester for Academic Year 2026-2027)</i>	
<b>Estimated Direct Costs</b>	<b>&lt;&lt;TOTAL&gt;&gt;</b>

### 2026-2027 | Estimated Direct (Billable) Costs for The BFA Online Program

The estimated costs below are for the 2026-2027 Academic Year (Fall 2026, Spring 2027, & Summer 2027). The charts below list direct, billable costs for admitted students who enter the program with a maximum of 90 Prior Learning Credits (30 Credits left to degree completion) and are enrolled in either Full-time or Part-time status, as well as the average potential

expenses for most online students for the 2026-2027 school year.

### Full-time Enrollment (3 semesters or 1 year)

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cost per 3-Credit Hour Course</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Courses Per Term</i>	<i>Estimated Cost for Courses</i>	<i>General Fee</i>	<i>Total Direct Billed**</i>
Fall 2026	\$1,800	4 courses	\$7,200	\$415	\$7,615
Spring 2027	\$1,800	4 courses	\$7,200	\$415	\$7,615
Summer 2027	\$1,800	2 courses	\$3,600	\$415	\$4,015
<b>Estimated Costs</b>			<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$1,245</b>	<b>\$19,245</b>

### Part-time Enrollment (6 semesters or 2 years)

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cost per 3-Credit Hour Course</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Courses Per Term</i>	<i>Estimated Cost for Courses</i>	<i>General Fee</i>	<i>Total Direct Billed**</i>
Fall 2026	\$1,800	2 courses	\$3,600	\$415	\$4,015
Spring 2027	\$1,800	2 courses	\$3,600	\$415	\$4,015
Summer 2027	\$1,800	1 course	\$1,800	\$415	\$2,215
Fall 2027	\$1,800	2 courses	\$3,600	\$415	\$4,015
Spring 2028	\$1,800	2 courses	\$3,600	\$415	\$4,015
Summer 2028	\$1,800	1 course	\$1,800	\$415	\$2,215
<b>Estimated Costs</b>			<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$2,490</b>	<b>\$20,490</b>

\* Rates published above correspond to MSM's 2026-2027 Academic Year, which begins in September 2026 and concludes in June 2027. The BFA Online requires a minimum of three semesters for degree completion at Full-time enrollment and six semesters at Part-time enrollment.

\*\* Full-time enrollment is defined as 12 credit hours per Fall and Spring semesters and 6 credit hours in the Summer. Part-time enrollment is defined as 6 credit hours per Fall and Spring semesters and 3 credit hours in the Summer. The fee structure displayed is for students who have received the maximum credit assessment of 90 Prior Learning Credits and have only 30 credits left towards degree completion.

### Potential Additional Estimated Educational Expenses (12 Months)

Technology, Books, and Supplies	\$1,500
Miscellaneous	\$3,235
Loan Fees	\$35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,770</b>

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 Information Subject to Change

